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An Abſtract of the Act againſt clandeſtine Running of Goods, and for the more effectual preventing Frauds relating to the Cuſtoms,

ENACTS, That if any foreign Brandy, Arrack, Rum, Strong-waters or Spirits ſhall after the 25th of March 1719, be imported or brought into any Port, Harbour, Haven or Creek of Great Britain, in any Veſſel or Boat under 15 Tons (except only one Gallon for each Seaman,) every ſuch Veſſel or Boat, with all her Tackle, &c. or the Value thereof, ſhall be forfeited, and may be ſeized by any Officers of the Cuſtoms; and after Condemnation the principal Officers of the Cuſtoms, on the Place where the ſame ſhall be, are to cauſe it to be broke up, and the Materials to be ſold, to be divided as hereafter mentioned.

After the 29th of September 1719, any Rum imported in any Cask under 10 Gallons, ſhall be forfeited; but if it ſhall be made appear that the Rum was for the Uſe of the Maſter or Seamen, or imported by Merchants without Fraud or Concealment, then ſuch Rum may be admitted to an Entry, and the Duties accepted inſtead of the Forfeiture.

Foreign Goods after the 25th of March 1719, taken in at Sea by any Collier, Fiſher-boat, or other Coaſting Veſſel, in order to be landed or put into any other Veſſel, within the Limits of any Port, without Payment of the Cuſtoms and Duties, ſhall be forfeited, and the Maſter of the Collier, &c. ſhall alſo forfeit treble the Value, unleſs in Caſe of Neceſſity, of which immediate Notice to be given to the Chief Officer of the Cuſtoms of the firſt Port, and the Maſter of the Ship out of which ſuch Goods ſhall be taken, ſhall alſo forfeit treble the Value of ſuch Goods ſo unſhipp'd, Moiety to the King, Moiety to the Informer.

All Goods not reported and found after Clearing the Ship ſhall be liable to Forfeiture, and may be ſeized and proſecuted.

After the 1ſt of May 1719, no Bond given for Exportation of Coffee, Tea, or other Certificate Goods exported to Ireland, ſhall be delivered up, or any Drawback allowed till a Certificate be produced from the Collector, Comptroller and Surveyor of the Cuſtoms in Ireland, or any two of them where the Goods were landed; and the Condition of all ſuch Bonds ſhall be to produce ſuch Certificates in ſix Months from the Date (Danger of the Seas and Enemies excepted,) and if no ſuch Certificate be produced in ſix Months; the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms are to cauſe ſuch Bond to be put in Suit, unleſs they find ſufficient cauſe to forbear.

After the 25th of March, Goods prohibited to be worn here, and foreign Goods ſhipped out for Parts beyond the Seas, unſhipped or put on Shore (unleſs in Caſe of Diſtreſs, or in Preſence of an Officer) ſhall be forfeited, and the Maſter, &c. ſuffering ſuch unſhipping, ſhall forfeit the Value; and the Perſon to whoſe Hands the Goods ſhall come ſhall forfeit double the Value, unleſs he makes Diſcovery in ſix Days after, except the Goods ſhall have been ſeized or informed againſt before ſuch Diſcovery.

If the Package of any ſuch Goods ſhall, with the Privity of the Maſter, &c. be opened on board any Ship, or put into other Form, during the Ships being in Port, without Leave of the Principal Officers of the Port, the Maſter, &c. ſhall forfeit 100 l. and if the Maſter, &c. ſhall permit any ſuch Goods to be unſhipped, or the Package to be opened without Leave; then ſuch Maſter, &c. ſhall alſo ſuffer ſix Months Impriſoment, without Bail or Mainprize.

After the 25th of March 1719, where any Veſſel of 50 Tons or under, laden with Cuſtomable or prohibited Goods, ſhall be found hovering on the Coaſt within the Limits of any Port, and not proceeding in her Voyage (Wind and Weather permitting) the Officers of the Cuſtoms may go on board and take an Account of her Lading, and demand Security from the Maſter, &c. by his own Bond, in treble the Value of the foreign Goods on board, with Condition that ſuch Ship ſhall proceed regularly on her Voyage, and ſhall land ſuch Goods in foreign Parts; and if ſuch Maſter, &c. ſhall refuſe to enter into Bond, or having entred into ſuch Bond, ſhall not proceed on her Voyage (Wind and Weather and the State and Condition of the Ship permitting) unleſs ſuffered to make a longer Stay, not exceeding 26 Days, then all the foreign Goods may, by Direction of the Collector, &c. be taken out of ſuch Ship and ſecured, and if ſuch Goods be Cuſtomable the Cuſtoms ſhall be paid; and Wooll or any prohibited Goods found aboard are declared ſubject to Forfeiture, and may be proſecuted, as alſo the Ship in Caſe ſhe be liable to Condemnation.

After ſuch Goods are brought on Shore and ſecured, ſuch Bonds ſhall be delivered up without Fee, and ſuch Bond not being otherwiſe diſcharged, ſhall on a Certificate under the Common Seal of the Chief Magiſtrate in any Place beyond the Sea, or under the Hands and Seals of two known Britiſh Merchants on the Place, that ſuch Goods were landed there, or on Proof by credible Witneſſes that ſuch Goods were taken by Enemies, or periſhed in the Seas (the Examination and Proof being left to the Judgment of the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms) ſhall be vacated and diſcharged.

After the 25th of March 1719, no Coffee ſhall be Exported but ſuch as ſhall be contained in the original Bale, or in ſome Bale containing the ſame Quantity, or in ſome Bale containing not leſs than 400 lb. Weight, and the ſame Marks and Numbers thereon wherewith it was entred, except only ſuch Coffee as ſhall be Exported to the Plantations or Ireland.

After the 1ſt of May 1719, no Eaſt-India Goods ſhall be imported into Ireland from foreign Parts, on Forfeiture of the Goods or the Value, and of the Ship with all her Tackle, &c. one Moiety to the King, the other to the Seizor; and if any Officer in Ireland ſhall connive at the fraudulent Importation of ſuch Goods, or ſhall Seize them and delay the Proſecution thereof to Condemnation, he ſhall forfeit 500 l. and ſhall be incapacitated.

All Goods after the 25th of March 1719, ſaved out of any Ship forced on Shore or ſtranded (not being wrecked Goods, or Jetſam or Flotſam, or Lagon,) ſhall (after Salvage and other Charges paid) be ſubject to the like Cuſtoms, Drawbacks and Allowances as ſuch Goods would be liable to, in Caſe the ſame were regularly Imported.

The like Proviſion for preventing the Exportation of Wooll in the Act 1 W. & M. cap. 32. ſhall extend to Wooll Fells, Mortlings, Shortlings, Yarn made of Wooll, Wooll Flocks, Fullers-Earth, Fulling-Clay, and Tobacco-Pipe-Clay, carried Coaſtwiſe.

After the 1ſt of May 1719, if any Silks, Callicoes, Linnen or Stuffs, painted in Great Britain, ſhall be found on Land or Water, without being marked (except on board Ships for Exportation) ſhall be forfeited, and may be ſeized by any Officer of the Cuſtoms or Exciſe, and the Perſon in whoſe Cuſtody they ſhall be found, ſhall forfeit 50 l.

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